

## The Wiggin Memorial Library is Excited to Announce over \$33,000 in Grant Funding Received!

The Library received approximately **\$33,000** in grants in 2021. Projects range from improvements to garden/patio to support outdoor programming, to community engagement on quality of life, to A/V and internet upgrades.

### **SHARP Grant: \$12,000**

Awarded by the New Hampshire Humanities and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Recognizing changed and changing resident needs, we aim to bring entertaining and educational library services directly to residents in their homes and make tools available in the library for producing high-quality remote work and video/audio production.

With the grant monies we plan to: Invest in remote services with necessary equipment and a Zoom license for larger audiences; upgrade Library internet service and networking infrastructure; purchase remote/hybrid and A/V equipment for Library and resident use; and make design changes to increase flexibility, efficiency, and resilience.



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### **NH State Library / IMLS ARPA Grants**

1. **\$1,834:** equipment to support outdoor and off-campus programs, especially Summer Reading Program activities and “pop-up” libraries.
2. **\$16,339:** Engage NH Listens and UNH Survey Center to investigate and evaluate “quality of place” in Stratham. Stratham is a wonderful place to live – for many, many reasons. How can the Library, Town departments, and community organizations and individuals create and enhance social quality of life in Stratham? Will involve a community-wide survey, multiple community forums, presentation of ideas and actions, and implementing community-identified needs and wants.



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### **Libraries Transforming Communities, American Library Association: \$3,000**

The Library will lead community conversations about how residents can have easy access to civic information: how decisions are made in Town government, where information can be accessed, and desired channels of communication to fit different needs. These connecting conversations aim to let members of the community drive improvements to civic communication and participation. When residents can voice their specific needs, the Town – in partnership with the Library – can allocate resources to best serve voters’ needs now and plan for other improvements in the future.



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